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**BEHAGUE, ET AL.**

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WITH PREFORMED LOOP"**

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As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, and in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the two (2) cited U.S. patent documents are not enclosed. However, copies of the two (2) foreign patent

documents are included. English language abstracts are provided with each of the cited foreign patent documents from which the relevance of these documents can be ascertained. A copy of the International Search Report is also included herewith.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

This information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing of the first office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fee is due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further authorize the Commissioner to debit any fee which is due to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. 069208.0116.

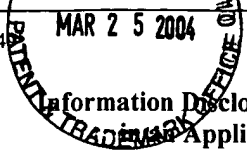
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